

# Rocket Rumbblings

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## 2007 Holiday Party



President LaPierre addresses the crowd.



No one wanted to sit with the Gagne's?



How's the raffle coming?



Good friends, good fun!



Earl tries his best to ignore the conversation



NEOC's Holiday Party is very much a family affair!



## Dates to Remember

- March 1 - NEOC Mtg - Saturday at 12 noon  
Basil Treco's, New Britain, CT
- April 5 - NEOC Mtg - Saturday at 12 noon  
Steve Minore's, Meriden, CT
- April 23-27 - Spring Carlisle  
Carlisle, PA
- May - NEOC Mtg - To be determined  
Sturbridge, MA
- May 2 - Drag Day - Friday  
Lebanon Valley Dragway, Lebanon, NY
- May 4 - Eastern MA Spring Dust Off - Sunday 8-3  
Haskin's Auto Sales, Wellesley, MA
- September 28 - 12th Annual NEOC Olds Show

## January Meeting Notes

On Saturday January 14th we all met at Earl's place (Riley & Scranton) in Glastonbury. To go over plans for our 12th Annual NEOC Car Show.

As most of you know we have decided to hold this year's show in Sturbridge, MA at the hotel we will be using to host the Nationals in 2010. This will help us get an appreciation for the layout and I am sure will give us some important insight into using the site for the nationals.

This show will be rain or shine due to trying to organize with the hotel for alternate weekends. While this is a departure from what we have done in the past, it is also how the nationals are run. We will be holding a meeting prior to the show at this site sometime once the weather turns warmer.

We had some good discussion about trophies and dash plaques, we will try to get dash plaques in a magnet as opposed to the glue-on style.

The discussion continued with Bill Black once again taking on the Sponsor Book. The DJ is also all set. With that the meeting commenced and the bench racing began! **RR**

## February Meeting Notes

The February meeting was held at Dave Richter's where 12 members gathered in Dave's cozy garage. For those of you that haven't been there, Dave is one of those lucky members who's garage is damn near as big as his house. Complete with the wood stove keeping us warm and Reo to keep the floor clean.

The first part of the meeting was filled with committee heads for the 2010 Nationals. Glen will provide us a progress report as things move along.

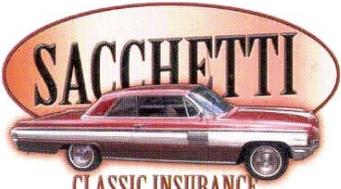
Bill listed a few events that are either planned or in the planning stages. Some of these include another Dyno-day, Drag day in May, a cruise to Hemmings for one of their Thursday night shows. Another Monday at Mark's, a cruise to Sturbridge and the club picnic. If you have any other ideas, bring them to the attention of Bill or one of the other officers, a simple phone call will do.

The club roster will be mailed out in the next couple of weeks and Glen mentioned the slow rate of membership renewals.

A little car show business was handled even without our car show chairman (who was weathering the Florida heat). Emmett volunteered to send an illustration to be used on the flyer. Jim will make the new flyer in the next couple of weeks as we need it for several publicity reasons.

We picked locations for the next several meetings, March will be at Basil's on Sat March 1st, April at Jim's on Sat the 5th and May will be in Sturbridge to aid in show layout and general info on the lay of the land.

With that the meeting ended and social hour(s) started! **RR**



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# President's Message

By Bill LaPierre

## Enjoy It While You Can

The Presidential primaries have been occupying the news media and my thoughts lately. The candidates have been drilling various solutions into our heads for global warming, the war in Iraq, skyrocketing energy costs, and so on. As I ponder our future I worry about the availability and affordability of gasoline for my cars, especially my 4-4-2. I wonder how long it will be actually possible to own AND drive a gasoline powered classic car.

## Is the end near?

The spoils of the oil era have enabled Americans to achieve a lifestyle that is the envy of the rest of the world. Sure, most of those folks seem to hate us, but they sure wanna live like us because their energy demand is growing exponentially as they pursue industrialization and a first world lifestyle. India and China's economies expanded by 9 and 11% last year, respectively. Check this out; 300 million Americans drive over 100 million cars and light trucks. If you apply that same proportion to over 2 billion Indians and Chinese that works out to over 660 million cars! As they accumulate more wealth, this may well become fact. By the time 2050 rolls around there will be almost 3 billion of them. They may well be driving around in over a BILLION cars! I read recently that it would take the resources of 6 Earth's to support the typical American lifestyle for every man, woman and child on the planet today.

Can the Earth provide enough energy to meet the huge future growth in demand? Can the biosphere handle all the pollution that will follow? I suspect not, so change is in the air. Let's face it, we are probably living in the early stages of the end of the oil era. Running your flying car on banana peels and spent coffee grinds is great for your everyday transportation needs in the future, but what about the legions of restored, gasoline burning classic cars out there? Will there be any gas available? I believe that gasoline will be available for at least the foreseeable

future. I probably won't live long enough to see the day when there is none available. The issue is how much is it gonna cost, and will it still work in my antique Rocket engine? The \$3.50 a gallon I paid over the summer was quite painful, but I forked over the bucks anyway. Where does it go from here, 8, 9 10 dollars a gallon? Maybe \$20 per gallon in today's dollars, yikes! At those prices, that cruise to the ice cream stand will be reserved for special occasions only. Someday, our stock engine collector cars will be for display only.

## A luxury for a small minority

It is still remarkably expensive to obtain mint classic muscle, but it would appear that the prices have at least begun to moderate, if not drop. Demand for gas-guzzling vehicles is still strong, but is probably on the wane for good. As fuel costs rise and the fuel delivery infrastructure evolves away from gasoline, expect demand for gasoline to drop precipitously. Economics will keep it expensive and hard to find. So, what does this mean for you and me, the working schmoes with a vintage muscle machine in the garage? I would bet that as new vehicle technology pushes the internal combustion engine aside, there will be gas available for those willing to pay a steep price for it, and it will get harder and harder to find. Enjoy it now while you can 'cause the long-term future ain't bright. Savor this time and your ability to drive your classic Olds, because it is a privilege that will be enjoyed by far fewer of us in the future.

See you on the road.

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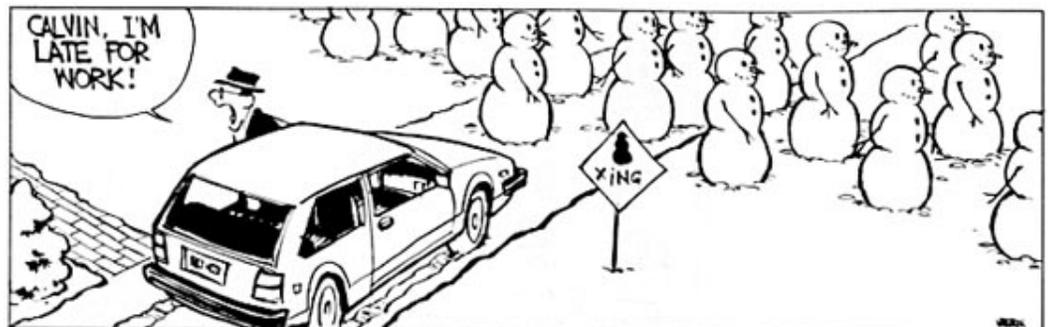
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## Father-In-Law

He's the guy who scared the hell out of me the first time we met.  
I bent over backwards to leave a good first impression.  
He asked me several questions about my desires and lifestyle.  
I told him of my love and devotion to Oldsmobiles.  
He asked about the extent of my love for Oldsmobiles.  
I told him that I loved them almost as much as his daughter.  
He asked if I would invite him to a car show sometime.  
I said yes of course, and actually won a trophy in his presence.  
He supported my insanity for many years while sharing his old car stories.  
I continued to invite him to car shows with me and his daughter.  
He continued to support me and take care of our home when we were away.  
I continued to drag my Olds and his daughter to shows and National meets.  
He never criticized my 2<sup>nd</sup> love.  
I still loved his daughter, my 1<sup>st</sup> love.  
He questioned the need to purchase a new car for his daughter.  
I bought a 1998 Intrigue which satisfied him after we gave him a ride.  
He was there to assist the delivery of my '69 Supreme.  
I thanked him, offered him a ride, and then we had a beer together.  
He seemed very excited when I explained our hosting of a future National meet.  
I was very excited when he pledged to attend.  
He needed a ride to the hospital the day after Christmas.  
I gave him a ride in the same Intrigue that he rode in 10 years ago.  
He seemed to be better on 12/29/2007 allowing me to help a friend pick up a new Olds.  
I trailered my friends new Olds safely home from Long Island the next day.  
He appeared to be more ill the following day when we visited.  
I continued to visit daily with my wife driving our faithful Intrigue.  
He left this Olds world on 1/7/2008.  
I will miss him. His daughter misses him. We all miss him.

Glen and Nancy Morris

## Eastern Mass GMO Spring Dust Off

Once again the Eastern Mass GMO Club is having a Spring Dust Off on May 4th in Wellesley, MA. The location is Haskins Auto Sales located at 467 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA (781) 235-4850 (just east of Wellesley Center on Route 16. The show starts at 8 AM and goes until 3 PM, rain or shine. There will be dash plaques, judging, a DJ, etc. Pre-registered cars are \$15 and day of the show is \$20.

For more information please contact;

David Consoli (978) 807-7350, pleasantvalleyland@comcast.net  
Ted Loranz (508) 561-7613, ted@teds-olds.com

## LAST CALL!!

There is one more membership reminder included this issue. Memberships expire at the end of December and annual dues are still only \$20.

We will be dropping unpaid members from the database and newsletter next month so get those renewals in soon!

Just think of all the fun, camaraderie and info you gain from the club! If you have moved or never filled one out, fill out the form and send it in with your renewal. Also remember to get the newsletter electronically, you get it sooner, in color and can keep a copy on your pc.

You can fill out the renewal application in this newsletter or go to our website, [www.neolds.com](http://www.neolds.com), click on "join" and then "NEOC application page 2" to get a copy to fill out and send to our club address. **RR**

## Club Roster

The 2008 NEOC club roster will be in the mail in the next week or so. Watch your mailboxes! If you get yours and realize that your info is completely outdated, let Dave Richter know with your renewal and we can get our official database updated and you will be ready for the next roster.

I would also like to know if anyone would like an electronic version of the roster as a PDF file to keep handy on your PC (or to print out additional copies if you like). Drop me an email and let me know if you think this is a good idea or if I have hit my head once too often! **RR**



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Questions? Contact Glen Morris, Membership Coordinator @ 203-269-4365  
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Ownership of an Oldsmobile is NOT required to join our club. Any year or type of Oldsmobile is welcome in our ranks.

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# Directions To The Next Couple of Meetings

The **March meeting** will be held at Basil & RoseMary Treco's in New Britain on March 1st (Sat) at 12 noon.

**RoseMary & Basil Treco (860) 229-5156**  
**343 Eddy Glover Blvd., New Britain, CT 06053-2411**

## **From Hartford and points North**

Head West on I-84 to exit 39A onto Route 9 South. At exit 30 Route 71 [Hartford Rd.] for 1.6 mi, Turn RIGHT (West) onto Eddy Glover Blvd for 0.7 mi. to #343.

## **From Waterbury and points West**

Take I-84 (North-East) After the merge with Route 72, stay on 72 and exit at Columbus Blvd. Follow Columbus for 0.2 mi and make a LEFT (North) onto Washington St. in 0.6 mi. continue (North) onto Farmington for 0.3 mi, bear RIGHT onto Eddy Glover Blvd for 0.5 mi to #343.

## **From New Haven and points South**

Take I-91 (North) to exit 17 [Wilbur Cross Parkway] US5/SR15 for 7.5 mi to SR72 [SR9] (West) for 3 mi, to exit 26 Columbus Blvd, in 0.5 mi turn RIGHT (North) onto Washington St. in 0.6 mi. continue (North) onto Farmington for 0.3 mi, bear RIGHT onto Eddy Glover Blvd for 0.5 mi to #343.

The **April meeting** will be on **Saturday** the 5th and will be hosted by Steve Minore in Meriden, CT.

**Steve Minore (203) 237-2001**  
**37 Longmeadow Drive, Meriden, CT 06450**

## **From Hartford and points north**

Head South on I-91 from Hartford. At exit 17 turn off onto ramp (CT-15/W. Cross Pkwy/E. Main St.)

Turn RIGHT (West) onto E. Main St. for 0.2 mi, Turn LEFT (South) onto Paddock Ave. for 0.8 mi.

on the left. Turn RIGHT (West) onto Overlook Rd. for 0.3 mi. Turn LEFT (South) onto Longmeadow Dr. and proceed to #37.

## **From New Haven and points south**

Head North on I-91 from New Haven. At exit 16 turn off onto ramp (E. Main St.) Bear LEFT (West) onto E. Main St. for 0.4 mi, Turn LEFT (South) onto Paddock Ave. for 0.8 mi.

on the left. Turn RIGHT (West) onto Overlook Rd. for 0.3 mi. Turn LEFT (South) onto Longmeadow Dr. and proceed to #37.

## **From Waterbury and points west**

Head East on I-84 from Waterbury, At exit 27, take I691 East. At I-691 exit 10, turn off onto ramp (CT-15/W. Cross Pkwy/E. Main St.). Merge onto SR-15 [Wilbur Cross Pkwy] South. AT SR-15 exit 67W, turn off onto ramp. Turn RIGHT (West) onto E. Main St. for 0.2 mi, Turn LEFT (South) onto Paddock Ave. for 0.8 mi. on the left. Turn RIGHT (West) onto Overlook Rd. for 0.3 mi. Turn LEFT (South) onto Longmeadow Dr. and proceed to #37.

## Rocket Classifieds

Club members are entitled to ONE free ad per issue. There is no charge for members. Insert a photograph for better results. Please submit ads by the 15th of the month. Email submissions are preferred, but snail mail is fine. If you need photos scanned and returned, please include a SASE..

Note: ads only run for 1 month, please renew monthly.

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